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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of
Elisabeth Wolpert et al.
Application No.: 09/319,736
Filed: August 2, 1999

For: THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS OF
ANTIGENS OR EPITOPES
ASSOCIATED WITH IMPAIRED
CELLULAR PEPTIDE
PROCESSING, E.G. EXPRESSED
ON RMA-S CELLS TRANSFECTED
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004, requiring restriction under 35 USC 121, Applicants hereby elect, albeit with traverse, the claims of Group X, claims 157, 160, and 161.

According to MPEP 803, "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants respectfully submit that examination of all of the claims of record on the merits in this application can be made without serious burden; accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and examination of all of the claims of record in this application is respectfully requested.

At a minimum, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement as it applies to the claims of Groups V-X. As noted above,

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the Examiner has divided the pending claims in the present application into eleven groups. The claims of elected Group X, claims 157, 160, and 161, are directed to cells identified by the process of claims 148 or 155. A complete search for the claims of Group X will thus, of necessity, overlap with the search required for claims 148 and 155. Claim 148 is the base claim in Groups V, VI, VII, and VIII, while claim 155 is part of Group IX. Accordingly, a complete search for the claims of Group X will necessarily overlap with that required for Groups V-IX. As a result, it would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner to examine the claims of Groups V-X on the merits in this application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement at least as it relates to Groups V-X is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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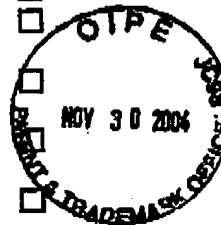
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